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- 25X1 1. The General Headquarters of the Soviet Army of Occupation in Austria are in Baden (049/X37) near Vienna. The Soviet Sector of Vienna is subdivided into Military District Commands. The Soviet Commander of Vienna (Wien am Ring) is Gen Lt fnu LEBEDENKO.\* Soviet Units Headquarters in Lower Austria and Burgenland are:

Wiener Neustadt (048/X34)  
Mistelbach (P49/S53)  
St. Valentin (049/V07)  
Freistadt (049/Q01)  
Neunkirchen (048/X23)  
Urfahr (M49/V88)  
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Laa a/Thaya (P49/S35)  
Retz (049/S05)  
Raabs a/Thaya (049/R65)  
Zwettl (049/R42)  
Aspang (048/X21)  
Fischamend (P49/X58)  
Allentsteig (049/R53)

Hollabrunn (049/S12)  
St. Pölten (049/V88)  
Krems a/Donau (049/R80)  
Baden (049/X37)  
Gmünd (049/R34)  
Gänserndorf (P49/S61)  
Mödling (049/X38)  
Scheibbs (049/V56)  
Klosterneuburg (049/S30)  
Deutsch Wagram (P49/S50)  
Horn (049/R83)  
Waidhofen a/Thaya (049/R55)  
Rohrbach (M49/R61)  
Eisenstadt (P48/X55)  
Traiskirchen (049/X37)  
Göpfritz a/Wild (049/R64)

2. Soviet Garrisons in Soviet Zone of Austria up to August 1950:

Grund area	45,000	men
Stockerau area (049/S21)	14,000	" **
Baden and Wiener Neustadt	30,000	men, including 1 tank unit**
Westbahngebiet area	5,000	"
Mistelbach area	10,000	"
Border and Special Units	4,000	"
TOTAL	108,000	men

Border Units stationed south of Danube along the U.S. Zone:

2-Regiment strength, probably partly motorized

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3. The Gmünd area boundary passes through following places:

Karlstift	(049/R12)	Horn
Griesbach	(049/R31)	Raabs a.d. Thaya
Marbach	(049/R42)	Czech frontier line
Rastenberg	(049/R52)	

This area is occupied by a tank unit (Division ? ) of about 470 T-34 and Stalin-2 type tanks plus light tanks, weapons carriers and a great number of howitzers and long range 24 cm guns. AT units are equipped with 76-mm (long barrel) guns. Katyusha rocket launchers were identified here and there.

4. All above units are motorized. Types of vehicles include:

Diesel tractors (Raupenschlepper) heavy types  
US jeeps  
US light 3 ton trucks  
Soviet 2.5 ton ZIS trucks  
German Army Diesel trucks  
US ( Harley Davidson) and German m/cycles

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5. The total occupation units strength would amount to three Army Corps comprising ten divisions. A great proportion of these units can be motorized, including strong tank elements. All this would correspond to one Army stationed in Austria. (It is reported that elements of the 2nd and 3rd Soviet Armies are stationed in Austria.)

6. Summer maneuvers in the Gmünd area were carried out by units stationed there with cooperation from the Air Force. The center of the games was Döllersheim (049/R53), south of Allentsteig, where 40 villages were evacuated on Soviet orders. In this area, live ammunition was used and villages were demolished by artillery fire and crops suffered damage. This does not follow the Soviet Propaganda theme "Die Rote Armee, dein Freund, dein Helfer". ( The Red Army, your friend, your helper.)

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Comment: A General Lt. Nikita Lebedenko was formerly the Soviet Commander of Vienna but he was arrested and sent back to the USSR in February 1948. He was then replaced by Major General Abakumov.

Comment: The number of men would correspond to one motorized division with supporting and rear echelon units.

Comment: Estimated strength: one army corps.

Comment: Probably one motorized infantry division

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25X1 \*\*\*  Comment: The estimate of one tank division in the Gmund area does not agree with other statements. The strength of 45,000 men would correspond rather to the strength of one armored corps. It is doubtful whether 21-cm guns would form part of divisional equipment. This caliber was not used by the Red Army during World War II. Possibly 21-cm guns (howitzers) or 28-cm guns are meant.

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